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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 4th day of October, A. D. 1903.

Political campaign stories are the order of the day.

Mark Hanna must be a mighty popular man in Ohio.

Those republican harmony meetings were not held in vain after all.

Now that the returns are in, the man who "told you so" is very numerous.

From the returns, the Iowa idea appears to be to vote the republican ticket straight.

Now watch young George E. McClellan fix his optics on the White House at Washington.

Tammany has recaptured New York and there is great jubilation in the red-light district.

This has been an encouraging year for third-termers—first Moores and now Hower and Vinsonhaler.

Mr. Yeiser, doubtless, is a good Indian and that's why the democrats dispatched him to the happy hunting grounds.

The democratic roosters have lost most of their tail feathers, but they will try to grow another crop before the next campaign.

Harry Reed will take his initiation into the county assessor's office on the city Board of Review with Tax Commissioner Fleming.

There will be some consolation in knowing that other states as well as Nebraska are slow in gathering and tabulating their election returns.

If Bryan had only made a few more speeches in Ohio it might have been unanimous for Colonel Herrick in his political joust with Tom Johnson.

Pre-election forecasts favoring a democratic victory in Mississippi have been verified. It is needless to add that there was no opposition ticket in the field.

Sullivan of Iowa was knocked out by 60,000 notwithstanding the predictions of the Omaha popocatewa organ that the republicans of Iowa were badly toro up with defeat staring them in the face.

Sympathy is to be extended to so much to Mayor Low as to the good people of New York, who do not appreciate a model municipal administration when they have it nor know enough to hold onto it.

Dowie's Zion hosts missed their chance to vote in their peregrinations back and forth between Chicago and New York. It appears, however, that their votes were not really needed at either point of destination.

More than 10,000 voters in Douglas county did not participate in the election yesterday, which goes to show that a very large proportion of our voting population is either indifferent or too lazy to discharge their obligation as citizens.

Over in Russia a holiday has been proclaimed to commemorate the death of the czar Alexander III. In this free republic we prefer to have our holidays to celebrate our good fortune in the birth of the national patriot president whom we are disposed to honor.

Uncle Sam's last quarterly financial exhibit shows that his income and expenses are almost balanced. A lot of Uncle Sam's boarders enjoy him in fortunate condition, even though he may consider it a poor help-meet sheet that does not show a snug surplus laid away for a rainy day.

THE RESULT IN NEBRASKA.

Full returns on the result in Nebraska will not be had for a day or two yet, but enough is at hand to know that Nebraska has gone republican by an increased majority. True, the lead of Judge Barnes over Judge Sullivan at the head of the ticket may fall short of 10,000, but the margin of the republican candidates for university regents over their fusion opponents is sure to exceed double that figure.

The conditions that confronted Judge Barnes were out of the ordinary and the race he has run is not only creditable to his vote-getting abilities, but also to the party. Opposing him was a man asking re-election to a second term, demanding the united strength of the two wings of the fusion forces and appealing for republican support on the plea for a nonpartisan judiciary.

The campaign waged against Judge Barnes was discreditably to the fusion leaders. A desperate effort was made to stigmatize Judge Barnes as a corporation tool, to disparage his legal abilities, to involve him in a controversy over the reading of the bible in the public schools for the purpose of alienating from him the church vote and also to array the liberal element against him. As a consequence we had appeals to the voters made at the same time for Judge Sullivan by misguided ministers of the gospel on one side and credulous liquor dealers on the other. It is to be hoped that the lesson taught will put an end to these disreputable campaign methods for the future.

Nebraska is to be congratulated on standing staunchly in the republican column and giving evidence anew of its loyalty to President Roosevelt by foreshadowing what it will do when given an opportunity to cast its electoral vote for him next year. Nebraska republicans need take no back seat in the party councils so long as they continue to roll up substantial republican majorities.

FAYET CANAL IMPROVEMENT.

An important result of the voting in the state of New York on Tuesday was the majority of a quarter of a million in favor of improving the canals of the state, the estimated cost of which will be \$101,000,000. The chief improvement proposed is that of widening and deepening the Erie canal, so as to admit of the passage of 1,000-ton barges. This question constituted the chief matter of interest with most of the people during the campaign and received thorough discussion. The advocates of canal improvement urged that it was absolutely necessary to preserve the commercial supremacy of the port of New York and also that it would be of great benefit to the industrial interests of the state generally. Opposition was made chiefly on the ground of cost, which it was urged would prove a burden upon the people. It is needless to say that the railroads did all they could to aid the opposition.

The proposition to widen and deepen the Erie canal has an interest for western producers, who will derive some benefit from such an improvement not only in the better facilities it will give for the shipment of produce to the seaboard, but also in keeping down freight rates during a considerable part of the year. Of course this will not be realized for a considerable time, but it is a promise of the future that means much for western interests.

TAMMANY'S VICTORY.

The only result of Tuesday's elections from which the democracy can derive any satisfaction or encouragement is the victory of Tammany and properly considered this is by no means so important to that party as some will be disposed to assume. It was not altogether unexpected. Several weeks ago we pointed out that there was danger of the fusionists being defeated and indicated the conditions which threatened this. The advice within a few days of the election pointed to the probable defeat of the fusion ticket, some of the most earnest newspaper supporters of that ticket conceding that it would be beaten.

But while not entirely unexpected, at least by those who understood the influences at work for Tammany, the victory of that political organization will none the less be regretted by all friends of honest and decent municipal government. The restoration to power of Tammany means the revival of all the evils against which the people of New York City revolted two years ago and which have to a large extent been remedied by the Low administration. It promises a renewal of the saturnalia of vice and crime and public corruption which afflicted that municipality under Tammany administration. This seems inevitable, because the elements that gave the victory to Tammany will insist upon recognition. The gamblers, the saloon keepers, the runners of disorderly houses, the grafters, the fellows who seek to get public money without rendering a fair equivalent, these and all others who prey upon the people will demand a return to the old order of things, as they existed when that plant of the infamous Croker, Van Wyck, was mayor, and there is every reason to expect that the demand will be complied with, for the new Tammany leader was a pupil of Croker and will doubtless be able to bend Mr. McClellan, the mayor-elect, by no means a strong or forceful man, to his will.

Democrats who hail the result as a party triumph should remember that no real democratic principle was in issue. It is true that democrats were appealed to, to support McClellan for the effect that might be produced upon next year's campaign and evidently the appeal was largely heeded, but a number of prominent democrats did not support the ticket and for the reason that it did not represent any democratic principle. The whole issue was that of honest and clean city government and no democrat forfeited his party loyalty who refused to support Tammany in the contest. As to the effect upon next year's national campaign, we do not believe it will be important. It does not necessarily mean that the state of New York will be democratic in 1904, for the state has frequently gone republican when Tammany was in control of New York City. In view of the result elsewhere republicans have not the slightest reason for apprehension because of the Tammany victory. That corrupt organization exerts little influence beyond the municipality in which it carries on its demoralizing political work.

THE RESULT IN OHIO.

The overwhelming republican victory in Ohio is a signal triumph for Senator Hanna, again attesting his great ability as a political leader and campaign manager. More than this, it is in the decisive repudiation of Johnsonism a lesson to the entire country which should prove of the greatest value. It ought to have the effect of eliminating entirely from American politics the doctrine for which the defeated democratic candidate for governor in Ohio stands and of sending Tom L. Johnson into utter obscurity. The republican majority in the state is the largest of record, with a single exception, while the legislature will have a larger republican majority on joint ballot than ever before.

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The campaign was marked by extraordinary activity on both sides. On the part of the democrats it was of the spectacular character peculiar to Johnson and was directed mainly against Mr. Hanna. The republicans fought in their usual way and were splendidly organized. The attack on the single tax theory of Johnson undoubtedly had a great influence upon the people, particularly the farmers. Senator Hanna's part in the campaign was masterful. He entered into the work against the advice of his physician and continued in it to the end, making many powerful speeches and completely demolishing the criticisms of his opponents. How effective his efforts were the result abundantly attests. There was never any doubt that the republicans would win, but the most sanguine did not expect so overwhelming a victory. It cannot fail to have an inspiring and invigorating effect upon republicans generally.

It seems reasonable to assume that the democrats of Ohio will now discard Tom L. Johnson as a leader and dictator and marshal themselves under some one who stands for true democratic principles. At all events Mr. Johnson is no longer to be seriously considered as a presidential possibility. His crushing defeat on Tuesday settles that.

Those emotional preachers got in their work on Judge Barnes. Why they should fly off the handle when they know that there has never been any attempt to put the bible in the schools of Omaha or take it out of the public schools of Omaha, and when, moreover, they must have known that Judge Barnes had nothing whatever to do with the decision rendered by the supreme court in the Freeman case, or why they should have attempted to defeat the candidate for supreme judge of their own party, passes comprehension.

"Fusion is at an end. Next year the populists will be in the field against both the republicans and the democrats," declared an ambitious populist leader, discussing the situation in Nebraska. Fusion is at an end indeed, but to find populists in numbers sufficient to take the field against anybody will be the chief difficulty next year.

INFLATION AND SHRINKAGE.

The Wall Street Journal publishes a list of 100 industrial combinations or trusts, giving the amount of their capital stock at par value, the highest and lowest prices at which the shares have sold and the extent of the valuation shrinkage in each case. It is a remarkable exhibit, as might be expected, and the totals are worth giving:

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He Who Hesitates is Lost.

Detroit Free Press. Don't wait for the automobile ordinance to save you. Jump!

The Last Analysis.

Chicago Inter Ocean. The most perfect of modern safety devices for the protection of railroad passengers are utterly useless if the modern railroad employed is stupid or careless.

Pinching the Con Men.

Chicago Chronicle. A suit at law to compel the men who received stock in the shipbuilding company without paying for it to step up to the captain's office and settle might cause several classes of nervous prostrations as picturesque as the one which Mr. Schwab acquired some time ago.

Wau's Record Smashed.

Baltimore American. The record for the longest time in giving up his bright for a mess of pottage has at last been broken by a deserter from the United States navy who traveled 6,000 miles to exchange his liberty for bakod beans and pie. He had wandered around the world at will, but found freedom no compensation for his exile from these dainties.

The Vital Point.

Springfield Republican. Secretary Moody was accurate in spirit but inaccurate in fact when he said of the Alaskan boundary decision that "no American territory was surrendered." Actually our government has lost hundreds of square miles by the arbitration. For the line agreed upon is much nearer the coast than the old one which our government has always claimed. But while the arbitration has resulted in an actual loss of territory to the United States, the territory lost is not considered valuable to us; and, meanwhile, the government's

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEST.

Philadelphia Record. In the east a good many railroads are reducing their construction forces, but it is reported from Minneapolis, Denver, Omaha, Kansas City and St. Louis that the efforts of railway contractors to get men for work that will go on during the winter is raised, and even so not nearly enough men can be obtained. Railroads in the far west are having more difficulty than ever before in handling the freight offered them.

Prosperity at Home.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. A correspondent of the Boston Transcript refers to the marked prosperity prevailing throughout the west, and says: "It was only a few years ago in Nebraska and Kansas that farmers were struggling with heavy taxes, and, by scores, unable to make agriculture pay. This summer and fall farmers are putting telephones in their dwellings and using the electric light service, which in many communities is available to them." A prominent business man who recently made an extensive tour of the west says "it was a revelation of prosperity from the Canada line to the Gulf." These opinions are verified by all trained observers.

Gladstone's Error.

Morley's "Life of Gladstone." Gladstone said: "I have yet to record an undoubted error, the most singular and palpable, made by any statesman of my time, and especially since the year 1852, when I had outlived half a century. In the autumn of that year, and in a speech delivered after a public dinner at Newcastle-on-Tyne, I declared in the heat of the American struggle that Jefferson Davis had made a nation; that is to say, that the division of the American republic by the establishment of a southern or secession state was an accomplished fact. That my opinion was founded upon a false estimate of the facts was the very least part of my fault. I did not perceive the gross impropriety of such an utterance from a cabinet minister of a power allied in blood and language and bound to loyal neutrality; the case being further exaggerated by the fact that we were already, so to speak, under indictment before the world for not (as was alleged) having strictly enforced the laws of neutrality in the matter of the cruisers. My offense was, indeed, only a mistake, but it had serious and far-reaching consequences of offense and alarm attested to that by falling to prove them justly exposed me to very severe blame."

IN THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW.

Recollections of Red Cloud and His Former Glory.

Portland Oregonian. Much-remembered (Red Cloud), the famous Ogalala chief of the Sioux, died at the age of 70 at Pine Ridge Agency, S. D. The old chief had long been feeble, and, having been unable to grasp the idea of thrift through long years of contact with civilization, is quite destitute. The North Dakota Fair and Home Bureau has as one of its last great objects of the Sioux: "The first time he ever spoke, to a white man was in the spring of 1868, when he came to the great treaty of Fort Laramie. He stood before us as we saw him then, standing above six feet in his moccasins, as straight as a floor post, his eagle eyes, Roman nose and general facial and cranial development bearing all the marks of the born chieftain. His manner was lofty. He was clad only in breech cloth, and a buffalo robe wrapped about his person. He knelt in front of Mr. Taylor, the president of the council, clasped his hands, raised his eyes and in Sioux dialect offered up to the Delt a prayer invoking the favor of the gods on the treaty and asking for everlasting peace. He was the typical war chief of the Sioux, and his avowals that had been laying waste the settlements that the whites attempted to form on the great prairies between Omaha and the Rocky Mountains. He led the massacres of Forts Fetterman and Phil Sheridan, and the Montana and Wyoming military garrisons of all the forts between Fort Ellis and Fort Laramie; and reduced the barracks to ashes."

Injury Inflicted Upon the Country by Industrial Ballooning.

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These 100 trust concerns are nearly all engaged in manufacturing, and they represent a very small part of the entire manufacturing industry of the country. The federal census of 1900 gave the actual capital engaged in manufacturing that year as amounting to \$9,525,000,000; yet the value at one time placed upon these 100 concerns, representing less than 1 per cent of the actual capital employed in manufacturing, amounted to over 40 per cent of the total investment in all manufacturing. Some idea of the tremendous extent of the recent inflation can be obtained from this stock as well as from the extraordinary shrinkage which has taken place in estimated values.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot.

The United States capitol is just about twenty-one tons heavier today than it was when congress adjourned last spring. Paint weighing that much has been put on the building since adjournment. The job will be completed this week. When the representatives and senators who have looked upon the dingy old walls of the committee rooms and corridors for so many years enter the building they will hardly know the place. Not only has the inside of the building been benefited by the work of the brush wielders, but the huge dome and the Goddess of Liberty have also received a new dress. The Goddess was not painted, but was given several coats of varnish to prevent her flowing robes from corroding and turning green.

The chief color used on the interior was light yellow, the same hue that all of the corridors, hallways and committee rooms were painted many years ago. The paint used on the dome was all white, as was the touching of the shaft, frames and sashes of the windows and doors.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon has more or less plainly indicated to some of his colleagues in the house that he intends to inaugurate gradually a new regime of floor leaders. Nothing radical toward this end will be done until the men of the Reed and Henderson organization, or what is left of them, will soon be made to feel that they are not the moving figures in proceedings. Some three or four younger republicans have already been asked by the prospective speaker to attend the sessions more or less closely, as he was then on hand to assist in carrying out his plans.

Washington is much interested in the fact that Mr. Cannon will commence housekeeping at the capitol for the first time in his life. Heretofore "Uncle Joe" has not been regarded as a society man, although he has never ended the duties of his position as the leading republican member of congress. Society is secretly expecting great things of the new speaker. It is already speculating about the character and number of receptions and entertainments which will be given in the Vermont avenue house. Miss Cannon is one of the most popular young women in Washington and it is conceded that whatever her plans may be she will betray ability of high order.

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"The work of cracking an old steel safe has become very simple," said an inspector of the Postoffice department to a Washington Star reporter. "You see," he continued, "all the burglar has to do is to pour nitro-glycerine in the cracks of the safe, then throw some combustible material over it, set it alight, and get out of the way. In a short time the explosion occurs and the door drops out as readily as if it were made of pasteboard."

"This method of going into a safe is known to all cracksmen, and it seldom occurs that we hear of a case of burglary taking a postoffice in the small towns that has not been accomplished in that manner. The old method of boring into a safe in order to insert the explosive is no longer heard of. I do not know how this practice can be stopped unless greater care is taken in working the postoffices or modern safes are provided. It is impracticable to equip all the postoffices with modern safes, so that I think the simple methods of the burglars will be used for a long time to come."

The smallest salaried man in the employ of the United States government has resigned his office and gone to the Sailors' Snug Harbor on Staten Island, where he hopes to spend the remainder of his days in comfort. He boasted of getting only \$1 a year as his pay.

It is Charles H. Gibbs, and he was keeper of Bug Light for many years. He lived there alone, with only hens and mallee cats as his companions. Thirty years ago Bug Light was an important beacon on the island. It is on a hill about a mile from the town, and in the days when Nantucket was a center of the whaling industry it proved of great aid to the sailormen in making the channel at night.

When the jetties were built and the channel changed considerably on account of shifting sands, the light was discontinued and Gibbs was appointed to look after the property, which consisted of a cottage in addition to the lighthouse. His pay was \$1 a year, but he made a living easily by keeping hens and breeding cats.

WAIFS OF THE WITS.

"Miss Passay was in that hotel frk, but it doesn't seem to have upset her much. Her Keeper notified him of his nomination for the presidency of the United States. A saloon keeper in Chicago was nearly drowned in a lot of expensive whisky by robbers who tied him down in a flood of the liquor. If he had not been opportunely rescued by a policeman he would have created the paradoxical precedent of tragically dying in high spirits.

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circulation is in marked contrast to the west, where one is often given nothing but silver in change for a \$5 or \$10 bill. Another peculiarity in Washington is that the paper money in circulation is nearly all clean and crisp, fresh from the treasury. It is a rare thing to get hold of a dirty bill in Washington.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Young-McClellan scores a political Antislavery. Tom Johnson's tiger met the elephant. The returns illumine the wisdom of Grout and Forman in jumping from the fusion to the Tammany band wagon.

John Murray Dowie indignantly insists that he is John Alexander Dowie's papa. Gracious! Can it be possible that anyone also wants the child?

Most of the strike troubles are confined to Spain and the United States. Maybe this is a punishment to the two countries for warring with each other.

These little revolutions in San Domingo will continue until someone lifts upon the happy idea of stationing a dozen or two Irish policemen on the island.

For smoothness, effectiveness and regularity the Philadelphia machine is the admiration and the envy of political mechanics. It never slips a cog.

Senator Stewart of Nevada is the only man in the senate who has never been shaved. His beard began to grow when he was 16 and has been growing for sixty years.

Governor Bates of Massachusetts at a banquet in Boston a few evenings ago lifted high his glass and pledged a toast when he drank to the health of the committee which notified him of his nomination for the presidency of the United States.

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"What your town needs most," said the traveling man, "is a hotel with all the comforts of home."

"Not much," replied the housekeeper. "A home with all the comforts of a hotel is what most of us want."—Chicago Journal.

Mary says that she is 31. As a matter of fact, she is twice as old as Ann was when Ann used to say that she was just 18 and all the neighbors know that neither of them tells the truth. How old is Ann?—Somerville Journal.

"I am going to name my ship the Tramp," said the inventor who had profited by Prof. Langley's experience. "Why so?" asked his friend. "Then I am sure it will keep away from the water."—Philadelphia Record.

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When You Buy underwear, whose luck, yours or the dealer's? If you are satisfied to wear your underwear the way some dealers fit you that's their luck. If you chance to get a perfect fit that's your luck. Why not turn chance into a certainty? We can show you the way. The heavier weights are ready at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, etc. And like our clothing, Nothing is equal to the fit. Browning King & Co. R. S. WILCOX, Manager.